(b) the number of godowns constructed during the above period, state-wise; and

(c) the number of godwons under this project proposed to be set-up during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) The cooperative Storage project is being implemented with EEC assistance only in the State of Bihar. During the last three years ending on 31.3. 1991, and amount of Rs. 472. 39 Lakhs has been provided to the State Government under the project.

(b) During the last 3 years ending on 31.3.191, 234 Godowns were taken up for construction in Bihar of which 27 were completed and 207 were at various stages of construction.

(c) During the current year, i.e. 1991-92, there is a programme for completion of 273 godowns.

Sufferings of Minorities in Pakistan

2763. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the recent US State Department 's Annual Human Rights Report regarding the sufferings of minorities in Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) On January 31, 1992 the US States Department issued its Country Reports on Human Rights practices for 1991. On minorities in Pakistan the report said 'Religious minorities continued to face discrimination and harassment". The report highlighted the discrimination against the Ahmadis and also mentioned the problems faced by Christians and Hindus.

(c) While there is concern and distress over reports of discrimination of miorities in Pakistan, it is the Govt. S stand that this is an internal matter of Pakistan.

Alleged Violations of Evaluation Norms by Ongc

2764. SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY:
SHRIMATI GIRIJA DEVI:
SHRI HARI KISHORE SINGH:
SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD:
PROP. SUSANTA CHAKRABORTY:
DR. JAYANTA RONGPI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news item captioned " ONGC violating evaluation norms; CII" appearing in the Economic Times dated January 20, 1992;

(b) whether any inquiry has been made into the matter; and

(c) if so, the outcome thereof and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c). The matter is being looked into.